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| IMAGE 10, INC.                    | )    |
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| Respondent                        | )    |

Serial No: 87090468

# APPLICANT'S SURREBUTAL TO OPPOSER'S REPLY TO APPLICANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR SANCTIONS FOR OPPOSER'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE DISCOVERY AS REQUESTED AND ORDERED, PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 2. 120 (g).

Now comes the Applicant, Rusty Lemorande, providing surrebutal to Opposer's Reply to Applicant's request for an Order dismissing the pending Opposition as a result of Opposer's failure to provide documents requested after various inquiries, three Motions to Compel, and two Orders by the TTAB (the Board).

#### **GENERAL**

Attorney for counsel has, once again, confounded and complicated this matter causing unnecessary prejudices and delays.

As previously briefed, Applicant attempted to meet and confer, specifically by telephone as the TTAB required, to discuss the outstanding document production issues in an attempt to

resolve the matter without the need to contact the TTAB for an conference call, or subsequently file an additional motion, time consuming for all.

As previously briefed, after several attempts to engage in such a call (burning through more days) counsel for Opposer declared that counsel was no longer representing Opposer and, therefore, no more communication on the matter would be had, effectively, once again, causing delays in the matter, including forestalling the proper, intended business operations of Applicant, operations which require resolution of Opposer's opposition to Applicant's good faith and bona fide trademark application.

Counsel stated he would file his withdrawal within two business days.

What resulted has also been already briefed – in short, this did not occur. What should be noted now is that counsel <u>has just informed Defendant that he is still representing Opposer</u> (evidenced by the brief recently filed and by a recent email in response to Applicant's inquiry. See Exhibit 1).

This is not only confusing but once again, either by non-excusable negligence or a specious, intentional tactic to delay, has further prejudiced applicant and cost the TTAB more of its precious, limited resources. In short, counsel, given its position as counsel, then and now, should have engaged in the required telephone conference, and then, if necessary, engaged in a three way conference with the parties and TTAB precluding any need for further motion practice, and certainly avoiding another three month delay (at least) in this already two-year process, still without one document produced and numerous motions.

Therefore, the pending requests for sanctions is even more appropriate.

Opposer, despite knowing it has no basis for use of the trademark given the presumption in favor of Applicant whose application was duly examined by the USPTO and approved for publication, has recently attempted to use the mark in commerce to the possible great detriment

both to the Applicant and the public which will have been deceived, once the opposition is resolved. (See Exhibit 2, as an example of the prospective film listing, and Exhibit 3 showing the affiliation of the Exhibit 2 film production to Image 10. Highlights added in both.)

#### REGARDING ALLEGATION THAT APPLICANT'S MOTION IS UNTIMELY

Opposer, in its reply, also states that Applicant's request for sanctions is inappropriate given the pending Motion to Compel. As Applicant stated in its Motion for Sanctions, Applicant believes that supplement motion is germane and, therefore, appropriate. In other words, the two are interlinked.

However, Applicant also requested that if this position was incorrect, that the TTAB kindly dismiss without prejudice.

#### OPPPOSER'S CONFUSING ASSERTION REGARDING INTERROGATORIES

Finally, Opposer admits in its Replay that, after several orders from the TTAB, it has not produced a single document, somehow declaring its responses to interrogatories are positive evidence in its favor.

#### ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE

Petitioner has attempted to resolve these discovery matters cordially and professionally over the past two years. As of this date, there has been no resolution or apparent good -faith effort towards resolution. It has therefore become clear that these disputes cannot be resolved between the parties.

#### CERTIFICATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO RESOLVE DISPUTE

In accordance with Trademark Rule 2.120(e), Petitioner hereby certifies that he has made a good faith effort to resolve the issues presented in this motion. (See Exhibits A and B.)

#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the Board, pursuant to 37 CFR § 120 (g) (1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 (b) (2) (C) dismiss this Opposition with prejudice for willful and continuing failure to comply with the rules governing discovery, and specifically with the Board's prior orders, or, in the alternative, order lesser sanctions as described in Rule 37(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was sent via First Class Mail this 22nd day of December, 2018, to Opposer, Image 10 at 216 Euclid Avenue Glassport, PA 15045, and also via email to Michael Meeks and Farah Bharatti at <a href="mmeeks@buchalter.com">mmeeks@buchalter.com</a>, and <a href="mailto:fbhatti@buchalter.com">fbhatti@buchalter.com</a>, respectively, counsel to Image 10, Opposer.



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We are counsel until relieved by the TTAB. But new counsel will be substituting in shortly.

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On Dec 11, 2018, at 1:09 PM, R.H. Lemorande <a href="mailto:lemorande@gmail.com">lemorande@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Thank you.

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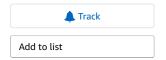
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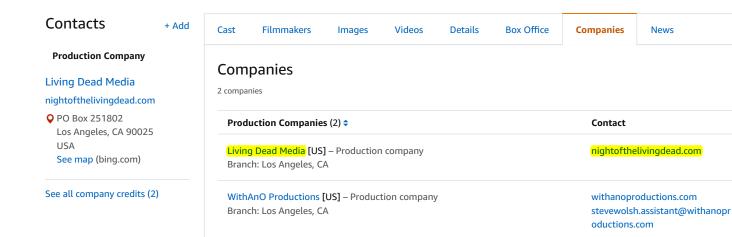
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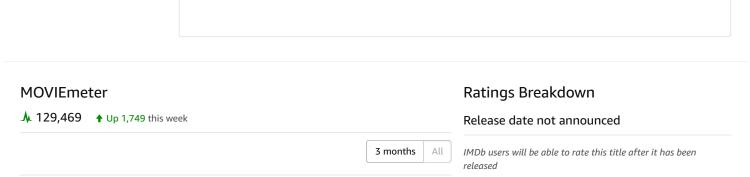
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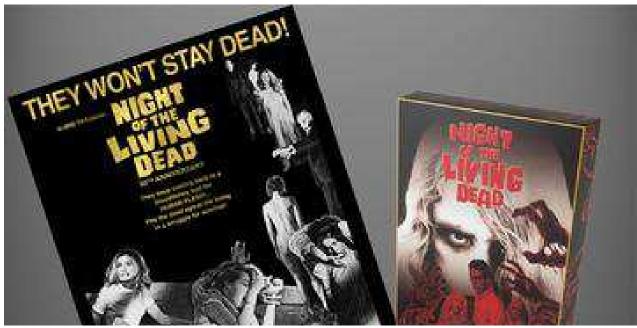


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#### Night of the Living Dead Collector's Box



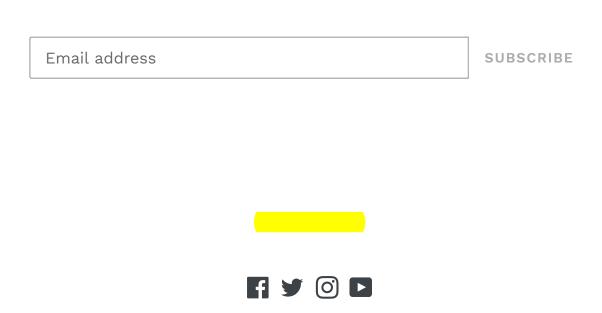
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